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troop trains                       
between 1 and 28 April 1953:

<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
8	34 cars	850	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna
15	42 cars	900	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna
25X1	33 cars	525	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna
16	31 cars	705	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna
17	27 cars	510	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna
25X1	28 cars	925	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna
25X1	27 cars	510	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna
25X1	28 cars	925	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna
25X1	26 cars	500	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna
25X1	28 cars	619	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna
	12 cars	235	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna
18	41 cars	870	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna
19	39 cars	860	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna
25X1	24 cars	800	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna
20	30 cars	800	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna
25X1	26 cars	840	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna

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<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
25	28 cars	700	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna
28	24 cars	650	Wittenberg	Forst Zinna
1	14 cars	445	Grimma	Schwepnitz
15	38 cars	524	Grimma	Schwepnitz
17	58 cars	406	Grimma	Schwepnitz
19	33 cars	245	Grimma	Schwepnitz
20	58 cars and 10 SSY-type flatcars with soldiers and tanks	254	Grimma	Schwepnitz
21	32 cars and 66 flatcars with soldiers and vehicles	774	Grimma	Schwepnitz
23	11 cars	109	Torgau	Frankfurt/Oder
1	1 boxcar and 4 SS-type flatcars with soldiers and tanks	180	Taucha	Schwepnitz
	1 boxcar and 3 SS-type flatcars with soldiers and tanks	160	Taucha	Schwepnitz
19	41 cars with soldiers and tanks	810	Taucha	Schwepnitz
	41 cars	780	Taucha	Schwepnitz
	14 cars	112	Taucha	Schwepnitz
	23 cars	184	Taucha	Schwepnitz
11	37 cars with soldiers and vehicles	296	Taucha	Schwepnitz
2	10 boxcars, 8 flatcars and 10 RRYM-type flatcars	905	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben
14	4 boxcars, 21 flatcars and 6 SS-type flatcars	590	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben
	20 boxcars, 2 flatcars and 12 RRYM-type flatcars	840	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben

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<u>Date in</u> <u>April</u>	<u>Composition of</u> <u>Troop Trains</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
14	22 boxcars and 13 flatcars	590	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben
	25 boxcars and 10 flatcars	550	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben
	3 boxcars and 20 flatcars	345	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben
16	12 SSY-type flatcars	485	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben
	15 boxcars, 4 flatcars and 11 RRYM-type flatcars	1,055	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben
	9 boxcars and 26 flatcars	540	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben
	28 boxcars and 7 flatcars	415	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben
	5 boxcars, 18 flatcars and 18 SSY-type flatcars	805	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben
17	13 boxcars and 22 flatcars	465	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben
	6 boxcars, 20 flatcars and 9 RRYM-type flatcars	1,140	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben
	14 boxcars and 21 flatcars	440	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben
	16 boxcars and 12 flatcars	420	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben
18	5 flatcars and 2 SSY-type flatcars	155	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben
	18 boxcars, 11 flatcars and 4 RRYM-type flatcars	985	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben
	5 boxcars and 30 flatcars	645	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben
	13 boxcars and 22 flatcars	570	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben
	5 boxcars and 30 flatcars	565	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben
	16 boxcars and 18 flatcars	470	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben

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	<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
	19	14 boxcars and 21 flatcars	465	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben
		32 boxcars and 3 flatcars	540	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben
		9 boxcars and 2 flatcars	165	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben
25X1	2	3 boxcars and 7 flatcars with soldiers and tanks	576	Wurzen; [redacted]	Schwepnitz
25X1	13	13 boxcars and 29 flatcars	280	Wurzen; [redacted]	Schwepnitz
25X1	20	27 boxcars and 24 flatcars with soldiers and tanks	1,312	Wurzen; [redacted]	Schwepnitz
25X1	21	25 boxcars and 10 flatcars with soldiers and tanks	405	Wurzen; [redacted]	Schwepnitz
25X1	5	7 RRYM-type flatcars with tanks	420	Halle-Sued	Donndorf
25X1		7 boxcars and 8 flatcars with soldiers and vehicles	-	Halle-Sued	Donndorf
	8	8 boxcars, 9 flatcars and 24 RRYM-type flatcars with soldiers and tanks and vehicles	-	Halle-Sued	Donndorf
	13	16 boxcars, 25 flatcars and 2 RRYM-type flatcars with soldiers, tanks and vehicles	-	Halle-Sued	Donndorf
		20 boxcars and 33 flatcars with soldiers and vehicles	-	Halle-Sued	Rossleben
	14	16 boxcars and 12 flatcars with soldiers and vehicles	-	Halle-Sued	Lossa
	16	16 boxcars, 11 flatcars and 13 RRYM-type flatcars with soldiers, tanks and vehicles	-	Halle-Sued	Donndorf

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<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
16	10 boxcars, 15 flatcars and 7 RRYM-type flatcars with soldiers, tanks and vehicles	-	Halle-Sued	Donndorf
17	6 boxcars, 20 flatcars and 5 RRYM-type flatcars with soldiers, tanks and vehicles	-		
	11 boxcars with soldiers and equipment	-	Halle-Sued	Donndorf
	11 boxcars, 16 flatcars and 2 RRYM-type flatcars with soldiers, tanks and vehicles	-	Halle-Sued	Donndorf
	12 boxcars and 7 flatcars with soldiers and vehicles	-	Halle-Sued	Rossleben
	23 flatcars and 10 RRYM-type flatcars with tanks and vehicles	-	Halle-Sued	Rossleben
	12 boxcars and 9 flatcars with soldiers and vehicles	-	Halle-Sued	Donndorf
	11 boxcars and 3 flatcars with soldiers and vehicles	-	Halle-Sued	Lossa
	1 boxcar and 8 flatcars with vehicles	-	Halle-Sued	Lossa
18	23 flatcars with vehicles	-	Halle-Sued	Rossleben
	14 boxcars, 14 flatcars, and 3 SSY-type flatcars with soldiers and vehicles	-	Halle-Sued	Rossleben
	6 boxcars and equipment	-	Halle-Sued	Rossleben
14	37 cars	400	Halle-Sued	Rossleben

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<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
14	42 cars	450	Halle-Sued;	Rossleben
16	47 cars	500	Halle-Sued;	Rossleben
17	33 cars	165	Halle-Sued;	Rossleben
	40 cars	460	Halle-Sued;	Rossleben
	41 cars	270	Halle-Sued;	Rossleben
18	16 cars	190	Halle-Sued;	Rossleben
	21 cars	310	Halle-Sued;	Rossleben
	25 cars	310	Halle-Sued;	Rossleben
	44 cars	250	Halle-Sued;	Rossleben
19	34 cars	500	Halle-Sued;	Rossleben
	30 cars	450	Halle-Sued;	Rossleben
20	31 cars	400	Halle-Sued;	Rossleben
	5 cars	61	Halle-Sued;	Rossleben
	49 cars	490	Halle-Sued;	Rossleben
6	4 boxcars, 4 flatcars and 8 SSI-type flatcars	-	Halle-Sued	Donndorf

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<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
15	20 cars	600	Halle-Sued;	Donndorf
	18 cars	450	Halle-Sued;	Donndorf
	10 cars	400	Halle-Sued;	Donndorf
	10 cars	350	Halle-Sued;	Donndorf
16	20 cars	300	Halle-Sued;	Donndorf
	40 cars	450	Halle-Sued;	Donndorf
17	26 cars	405	Halle-Sued;	Lossa
	16 cars	680	Halle-Sued;	Donndorf
18	16 cars	510	Halle-Sued;	Donndorf
	15 cars	500	Halle-Sued;	Donndorf
19	9 cars	115	Halle-Sued;	Donndorf
	14 cars	115	Halle-Sued;	Donndorf
30	4 boxcars and 2 RRYM-type flatcars with soldiers and tanks		Halle-Sued	Donndorf
14	38 cars	420	Halle;	Altengrabow

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<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
14	36 cars	400	Halle; [redacted]	Altengrabow
19	36 cars	500	Halle-Sued	Lossa
18	8 boxcars and 39 flatcars	315	Rueckmarsdorf	Kroepelin
	49 boxcars and 86 flatcars	1,223	Rueckmarsdorf	Schwepnitz
22	30 boxcars and 83 flatcars	600	Rueckmarsdorf	Eisenach
25	2 boxcars and 24 flatcars	300	Rueckmarsdorf	Jueterbog
9	4 boxcars and 15 flatcars	-	Wiederitzsch	Mahlwinkel
	3 boxcars and 15 flatcars	-	Wiederitzsch	Koethen
	9 flatcars	-	Wiederitzsch	Kubschuetz
13	52 cars	265	Eilenburg	Koenigsbrueck
15	60 cars	300	Eilenburg	Schwepnitz
14	15 boxcars and 22 SSY-type flatcars with soldiers and vehicles	-	Zerbst	Haldensleben
	14 boxcars and 23 flatcars with soldiers and vehicles	-	Zerbst	Haldensleben
	17 boxcars and 19 flatcars with soldiers and vehicles	-	Zerbst	Haldensleben
	14 boxcars and 22 SSY-type flatcars with soldiers and tanks	-	Zerbst	Haldensleben
15	23 cars	-	Dessau	Haldensleben
	33 cars	-	Dessau	Haldensleben
	132 cars	-	Dessau	Haldensleben
18	5 boxcars, 10 flatcars and 2 SS-type flatcars	-	Trebsen	Kroepelin

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<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
19	41 cars	200	Angersdorf	Aken
25X1	35 cars	220	Angersdorf	Aken
20	58 cars	1,020	Merseburg	Mechterstaedt
	44 cars	725	Merseburg	Eisenach
	54 cars	950	Merseburg	Mechterstaedt
21	54 cars	990	Merseburg	Mechterstaedt
25X1	4 boxcars	-	Merseburg	Mechterstaedt
	51 cars	940	Merseburg	Mechterstaedt
22	54 cars	853	Merseburg	Mechterstaedt
25X1	12 boxcars and 28 flatcars	300	Markranstaedt	Mechterstaedt
25X1	17 boxcars, 10 flatcars and 17 SSY-type flatcars	-	Markranstaedt	Mechterstaedt
20	18 boxcars and 40 flatcars with soldiers and tanks	-	Altenburg	Altengrabow
	12 boxcars and 22 flatcars with soldiers and tanks	-	Altenburg	Altengrabow
21	8 boxcars and 28 flatcars with soldiers and tanks	-	Altenburg	Altengrabow
	49 boxcars	-	Altenburg	Altengrabow
25X1	10 boxcars and 37 flatcars with soldiers and vehicles	-	Altenburg	Altengrabow
22	15 boxcars and 23 flatcars with soldiers and tanks	-	Altenburg	Altengrabow
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1 [ ] Comment. The troop trains carried the bulk of the 6th Gds Tank Div stationed in Wittenberg to the Werder-Markendorf troop training grounds. The troop train on 8 April 1953 [ ] did not belong to the main movement between 15 and 20 April 1953 which included 15 troop trains. The trains on 25 and 28 April 1953 probably carried rear details of the division only.

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2. Comment. These troop trains hauled components of the 8th Gds Mecz Div to the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds. Troop trains observed included: 5 trains from Grimma between 15 and 21 April; 4 trains from Tauchau on 19 April; 3 trains from Wurzen between 13 and 21 April; 4 trains from Rueckmarsdorf on 18 April; and 2 trains from Eilenburg between 13 and 15 April 1953. Together with 11 troop trains from Leisnig to Koenigsbrueck between 14 and 19 April 1953, the number of trains used by the 8th Gds Mecz Div for movements to the troop training grounds totaled at least 29 troop trains. This number, however, is not adequate to a total of about 40 trains usually required by a mechanized division. [redacted]. Thus, it is quite possible that several troop trains were not observed, e.g. at the Grimma and Wurzen railroad stations. Troop trains reported prior to 13 April 1953 carried details of the 8th Gds Mecz Div which went to Koenigsbrueck for a short-term combat firing practice.
3. Comment. The troop trains were loaded with components of the 7th Gds Tank Div which moved to Letzling Heath. Troop trains observed included: 23 trains from Meinsdorf between 14 and 19 April; 4 trains from Zerbst on 14 and 15 April; and probably 5 trains from Dessau on 15 April 1953. The movement was previously reported [redacted] the entraining and unloading of the components. A total number of trains, however, used for the above moving of troops, is reported for the first time in the present report. Compared with the movement of the 10th Gds Tank Div to Letzling Heath, which included 30 troop trains, a total of about 32 trains for the 7th Gds Tank Div is quite credible.
4. Comment. The troop trains carried the bulk of the 21st Gds Mecz Div from Halle to the Lossa troop training grounds. The main movement was between 13 and 20 April 1953. The troop trains dispatched to the Lossa troop training grounds prior to 13 April 1953 were probably loaded with details of the division moving to Lossa for a short-term combat firing practice as in the preceding months. The data in the present report do not indicate the total of troop trains used by the division. [redacted] between 13 and 18 April, the movement included 38 troop trains. According to the present report, more than 40 trains possibly were dispatched prior to 20 April 1953. [redacted] Units confirmed in Halle in conjunction with these trains included: the Hq 21st Gds Mecz Div, [redacted] until 16 April 1953; the 25th Gds RL Bn (US), [redacted] until 19 April 1953; the 732nd MT Bn (US), [redacted] until 20 April 1953; the unidentified Gds signal battalion [redacted] until 18 April 1953; the 69th Gds Mecz Regt, [redacted] until 18 April 1953; the 19th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt, [redacted] until 19 April 1953; the 114th (?) Gds Mtrcl Bn, [redacted] until 18 April; and the 586th (?) Mort Regt, [redacted] until 14 April 1953. [redacted]
5. Comment. The troop trains [redacted] carried elements of the 2505th Gds AAA Regt (US) of the 21st Gds Mecz Div from Halle to Altengrabow on 14 April 1953 [redacted] the 2505th Gds AAA Regt (US) in Halle until 14 April 1953.
6. Comment. The troop train probably carried an element of the unidentified AAA regiment, [redacted] of the 13th AAA Div from the Leipzig-Schoenau barracks installation.
7. Comment. The 94th RL Regt (US) of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps moved on three trains from the Rueckmarsdorf and Markkranstaedt railroad stations to the Kindel troop training grounds. [redacted] the regiment in Leipzig-Schoenau until 22 April 1953. The troop train to Jueterbog on 25 April 1953 possibly carried only materiel

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of this regiment to the rocket launcher repair shop at Jueterbog

8. Comment. an air force construction unit is stationed in Leipzig, the three trains probably carried construction material from this unit to airfields. About mid-April 1953, the arrival of construction material from the Saxon area was observed at Mahlwinkel airfield. The Kubschuetz railroad station is located near Bautzen-Litten airfield which is under reconstruction since early 1953 and will be handed over to the KVP (Luft).

9. Comment. The unloading at Kroepelin indicates that the train carried an AAA unit. It cannot definitely be interpreted, however, whether the train actually was carrying troops.

10. Comment. Probably troop trains with the unidentified Gds engineer battalion of the 21st Gds Mecz Div moving to the engineer training site at Aken on the Elbe River. the division were previously observed in the Aken area. is the battalion is carried at the Luftwacht Kaserne, Halle, the entraining at Angersdorf is quite possible.

11. Comment. Seven troop trains with components of the 76th Arty Brig (US) which were previously observed leaving Merseburg.

12. Comment. The troop trains carried the 43rd Army AT Arty Brig of the Eighth Gds Army.

13. Comment. The observations confirm and supplement the movements of units stationed in the southern area of East Germany to the troop training grounds.

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